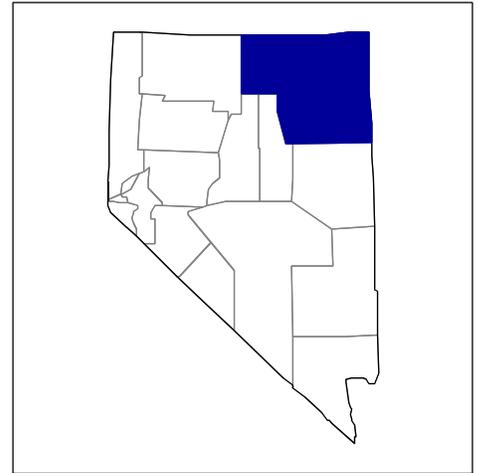


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Elko, Nevada



### Number of farms

397 farms in 2002, 436 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

2,472,143 acres in 2002, 2,832,268 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

### Average size of farm

6,227 acres in 2002, 6,496 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$45,311,000 in 2002, \$48,917,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,680,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$43,631,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

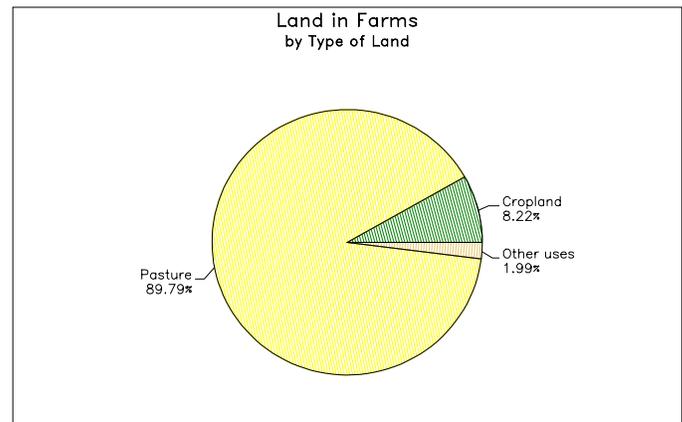
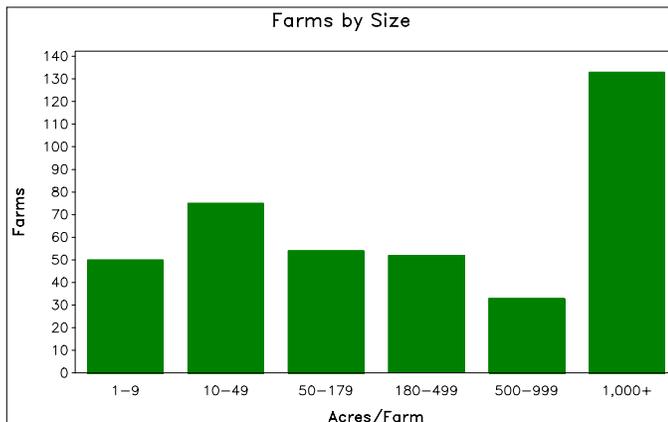
\$114,133 in 2002, \$112,195 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,581,000 in 2002, (D) in 1997.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$18,173 in 2002, (D) in 1997.



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**Ranked items among the 17 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	45,311	5	17	1,279	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,680	15	16	2,566	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	43,631	2	17	653	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	12	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	10	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	2	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13	6	13	1,875	2,918
Cattle and calves	41,668	2	16	192	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	9	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6	9	11	2,474	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	17	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	9	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	16	3	12	1,640	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	135,554	1	17	68	3,059
Sheep and lambs	19,627	1	14	58	2,867
Horses and ponies	4,375	1	17	82	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	558	4	14	1,812	2,983
Pheasants <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	7	(D)	1,541
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	130,323	1	16	21	3,059
Oats	(D)	7	10	(D)	2,215
Flower seeds <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	1	(D)	215
Safflower <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	3	(D)	112
Apples <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	2,173

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	87	Farming	263
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	134
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25	Male	330
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	67
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	46	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	White	607
\$500,000 or more	29	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	39,753	American Indian or Alaska Native	57
Average per farm (\$)	100,386	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,880	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	19,900	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	22

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

<sup>3</sup> Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.